

A Second Trans-Continental

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avored land for flocks and herds, is nourishing millions of sheep and their woolly contributions are handled from Tucumcari in enormous quantities. One wool scouring plant ships upwards of 2,000,000 pounds yearly and more could be handled were the proper facilities provided.

"This country is not being sold altogether into the hands of speculators. On the contrary the books of our department show the most substantial growth in actual settlers and furthermore the bulk of this land is being sold into the hands of farmers from Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and even further east. Sometimes a man buys a tract for his son and doesn't expect to use it for several years but he owns it and it is going to be used. Our books show over fifty cars a month this year of immigrant stuff from Texola this way for families settling in the country along about McLean, Groom and other little towns along the line. We can safely figure that one car means two families and that means a hundred families a month of actual settlers are coming to improve the country. In addition to those who come with cars a great many come in "light" and buy after they get here. It is much the same way along the line through Dalhart and Stratford and at Tucumcari and other points in New Mexico where the homestead land has been taken up, it is surprising what an amount of immigrant freight is handled.

"The company is working on the line east from here improving it now. We have three new engines for use on this end of the line and other traffic improvements will enable the company to handle business better than ever.

"All this work looks toward the final buckling up of the line through here to Tucumcari and the preparation for transcontinental business. The road has a wonderful opportunity here and it is only a question of time till it begins to utilize it. From Memphis west, the line can distance all competition in the handling of business from the middle south and south-east. People who go to California in the winter from colder climates have an idea that they want to get south and out of the land of snow as soon as they can. Well they can go south on one of the lines that take the roundabout route and can escape the snow. But when we get this line completed through here they can get away from snow within a few hours after they leave home and while they may see a little more snow through some of the high country they won't see much and they will escape extremes of climate, save time and

see a new country. A tourist comes through here, for instance and sees this place for the first time. It surprises him, impresses ideas of new possibilities upon him, and in many cases he will come back here again to look or will tell others about it who will come.---Daily Panhandle.

THIEVES RIFLE MAIL POUCH AT CLAYTON

Clayton, N. M., Aug. 10.—Thieves robbed a mail pouch that was thrown on the Colorado and Southern station platform here, but it is not believed they secured much money. The pouch was carried to the stock yards where it was opened and rifled of its contents. It contained eight registered packages, consigned to the local land office and the First National Bank. No trace of the robbers has been found.

Forty Families Coming

J. W. Brown had a letter this week from his home community back in Missouri and it tells him that about forty families are getting ready to come to Quay county for the purpose of getting homes. The News don't know whether it is responsible for this exodus or not, but Mr. Brown tells us that it comes from advertising matter sent from this office since he came to Tucumcari this summer.

A. D. Goldenberg and family returned Sunday from a pleasure trip to Cloudcroft, N. M.

Three new boilers and many other pieces of machinery for the new shops were received Monday.

The new shops are now so near completion that the window frames are being put in. The rails will be laid as soon as the turn table gets here from Pittsburg, Pa.

B. W. Walker of Ardmore, I. T., is here establishing a residence on his homestead seven miles south of town.

J. F. Seaman returned the first of the week from a ten days trip to the Bell Ranch farm.

The two portable school buildings 30x50 feet put up by Contractor Colvin, are ready for use.

H. C. Mechem and wife of Fort Smith, Ark., are here visiting their son, Attorney M. C. Mechem. After leaving here they will spend a month traveling over the Territory.

J. L. House, the United States Commissioner at House, and his sister, Miss Josie, and Mrs. Leslie Thompson were here Monday and Tuesday. Miss House proved up on her homestead. J. L. tells the editor the crops are good in that locality and that the country is settling as fast as the people can get filings made out. He has sold his sheep and is going to take a hand at farming himself.

Tucumcari One of Big Towns

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traction work and is creating a "city beautiful."

The population has more than doubled in the past year, reaching now about 2,500, and it is not unreasonable to look for an increase to 5,000 6,000 in the coming year. As to the further future—who can tell? Perhaps—and not putting it too mildly—a beautiful, thrifty home and business city of 25,000 or 30,000 people may occupy this site within five or ten years, for here is a great railroad center, a division point on the Rock Island System with round house and shops. Ultimately Tucumcari will be the western terminus of the Rock Island line from Memphis, Tenn. It is the junction point of the Dawson branch, reaching into the great coal fields of the Dawson district. As a commercial center the location is very promising, its tributary territory extending for a radius of over 100 miles without competition and when it is considered that 30 acres now in cultivation to where there was one acre a year ago and that probably 12,000 people have come into this territory in the same period, one can readily see why the bright future of this place seems so well assured.

Tucumcari has a fine stone court house, being the county seat of the new county of Quay. She has fine brick school buildings, churches of all leading denominations, a good line of business houses, but room for many more to handle the rapidly increasing volume of business, there being excellent openings for a laundry, five and ten-cent store, furniture, candy and fruit, good restaurant and especially for a good \$2.00 to \$2.50 a day, well-kept hotel, which is greatly needed.

Theo. W. Heman is President of the Tucumcari Commercial Club, and S. M. Wharton of the Tucumcari News is Secretary.

Farmers who have resided in this section long enough to be qualified, unite in testifying as to the fruitfulness of the soil, a rich red loam, similar to that of Oklahoma and express themselves as satisfied that as a homemaking proposition it stands second to none. There are yet government homestead lands to be had by the man of limited means, who desires to provide a healthful and productive home for his family. There would seem to be here an opportunity which should be quickly grasped, for corn, wheat, oats and practically all standard farm crops, including the profitable forage crops, can be satisfactorily produced, and for stock raising there is no better land.

For business men, some of whom are already planning for branch

stores in the smaller towns in the territory, there are splendid openings. Jobbers in standard lines would find a profitable field there and a chance to build up a large business. To the smaller dealer there is an equal chance. To the builder, the mechanic, the laborer or any one with the least snap and ginger in his or her make-up, Tucumcari and its surrounding territory offers opportunities that should not be overlooked.

FOR SALE—Galvanized iron cornice for store building.

M. H. Koch. 46tf.

H. S. Rowley, a merchant at Quay was in town Tuesday buying goods.

A Mrs. Echols who died here last week soon after arrival was laid to rest in the Tucumcari cemetery. The family was destitute and the remains were cared for by funds raised by subscription.

Tailor's Announcement.

The Tucumcari Tailoring Company has this week received a fine line of the latest and up-to-date samples for Seasonable Tailor-made Clothing, and the prices are as low as they can be made in order to leave a reasonable profit on first class goods. Please give us a visit and see for yourself, the goods we offer you speak volumes to the customer who is acquainted with high grade materials that we can not get a vocabulary of words to express to you.

Respectfully,

THE TUCUMCARI TAILORING CO.
45tf HARRY WILBORN.

Probate Court,

County of Quay.

Notice is Hereby Given To Whom It May Concern

That Mary E. Ritter, the undersigned, was appointed on the 27 day of June A. D. 1907, by the Probate Court of Quay County, New Mexico, administratrix of the estate of Kemary Ritter, Deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said Kemary Ritter, deceased, will present the same within the time required by law. MARY E. RITTER, Administratrix.

The 'phone number of the new stable, Street & Baker, is 35. Cab may be had at any hour day or night by calling up that number. 15-tf

Parties wanting to buy interest in Drilling Outfit with a man who has worked in this business for 25 years and can furnish good reference about his ability address

M L Wyatt
Tucumcari,